

REMARKS

Claims 20, 21 and 23-28 remain pending in this application. Claims 15-19, 22 and 25-28 are rejected. Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 are objected to. Claims 15-19 and 22 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-14 are previously cancelled. Claims 20, 21 and 23-28 are amended herein to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

Applicants herein traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and objections cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

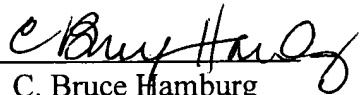
All rejected claims are cancelled herein, or made to depend from claims held to contain allowable subject matter, thereby rendering all of the prior art rejections moot.

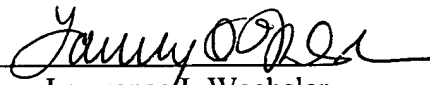
Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24/23 are objected to as being dependent from rejected base claims. The Examiner indicates that the claims contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if put in independent form incorporating the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The claims are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion and to clarify the subject matter of the present invention. Claims 20 and 23 are placed in independent form, with the remaining objected to claims being dependent from respective ones thereof. Formerly rejected claims 25-28 are amended to depend alternatively from claim 20 or 23, now in allowable form. Reconsideration of the objection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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